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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Share in the fun of these annual community events this Fall:

- **Mountain View Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, September 22, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Fire Station No. 4, 229 North Whisman Road
- **Halloween Monster Bash** – Saturday, October 27, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- **Senior Center Annual Holiday Bazaar** – Saturday, November 17, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue
- **Holiday Tree Lighting** – Monday, December 3, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street
- **Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event** – Saturday, December 22, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

CITY ADOPTS GENERAL PLAN



On July 10, 2012, the Mountain View City Council adopted the 2030 General Plan, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (see story below) and Environmental Impact Report. The General Plan is the key long-range policy document used to guide future planning and development in Mountain View. The 2008 General Plan Visioning Process provided the foundation for the major strategies and policies in the new plan. Since that time, more than 80 public meetings, workshops and events have been held — attended by more than 1,500 participants — to discuss, shape and refine the major elements of the plan.

Highlights of the update include:

- Preserving existing neighborhood character.
- Focusing change in key City areas, such as North Bayshore, East Whisman, El Camino Real and San Antonio, with new visions and policy directions for each area.
- Ensuring major policies support community values such as sustainability, quality of life, diversity, health and wellness, and economic prosperity.

Adopted materials are available online at www.mountainview2030.com. For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



NEW GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PROGRAM

The City has adopted its first Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (GGRP) designed to mitigate the impact of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from General Plan growth. It includes a greenhouse gas emissions target and strategies to reduce emissions over time.

The program was developed based on a recommendation from the City's Environmental Sustainability Task Force and complies with Bay Area Air Quality Management District guidelines. The City will now begin work on implementing the General Plan and GGRP through several precise plan and zoning updates. For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



CITY COUNCIL FY 2012-13 GOALS AND PRIORITIES

In May the City Council adopted the City's major goals for FY 2012-13. In addition to the critical on-going services provided by the City, the Council selected the following as top priorities:

- Continue improvements in Information Technology
- Continue study and action on key transportation issues
- Identify significant capital project funding priorities and strategies for funding them
- Complete the General Plan and proceed with implementation actions

The City will also focus on the following major initiatives and projects in the upcoming year:

- Fiscal sustainability strategies
- Employee wellness program
- Rengstorff Park Master Plan
- Environmental sustainability
- Construction of the Shoreline Sports Complex
- Renovation of the Rock Church property

- Shoreline Community studies and the educational enhancement Joint Powers Agreement
- Public safety dispatch virtual consolidation
- Update to the Parks and Open Space Plan
- Improve building permitting processes
- Recycled water feasibility study
- North Bayshore Area sanitary sewer salinity reduction
- Review of the Center for Performing Arts operating model

More information about any of these priorities is available by calling the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or by sending an E-mail to city.mgr@mountainview.gov.



FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 ADOPTED BUDGET



City of Mountain View, California

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2012-13 BUDGET

The City Council adopted the FY 2012-13 budget in June. The slow economic recovery continues to impact the City's revenues. Although there has been growth in Property Tax, Transient Occupancy Tax and Utility Users Tax revenues, Sales Tax continues to lag. Sales Tax is the second largest single General Operating Fund (GOF) revenue source. In addition, there were State actions related to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies that reduced revenues and increased expenditures for the City.

The GOF funds the core services provided by the City and this revenue source has been affected the most by economic conditions. A preliminary operating deficit of \$1.1 million was forecast in the Narrative Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2012-13 and presented to the City Council on April 10, 2012. For Fiscal Year 2012-13, the projected growth in revenues of \$1.7 million would have been insufficient to fund the increase in expenditures of \$2.5 million without corrective

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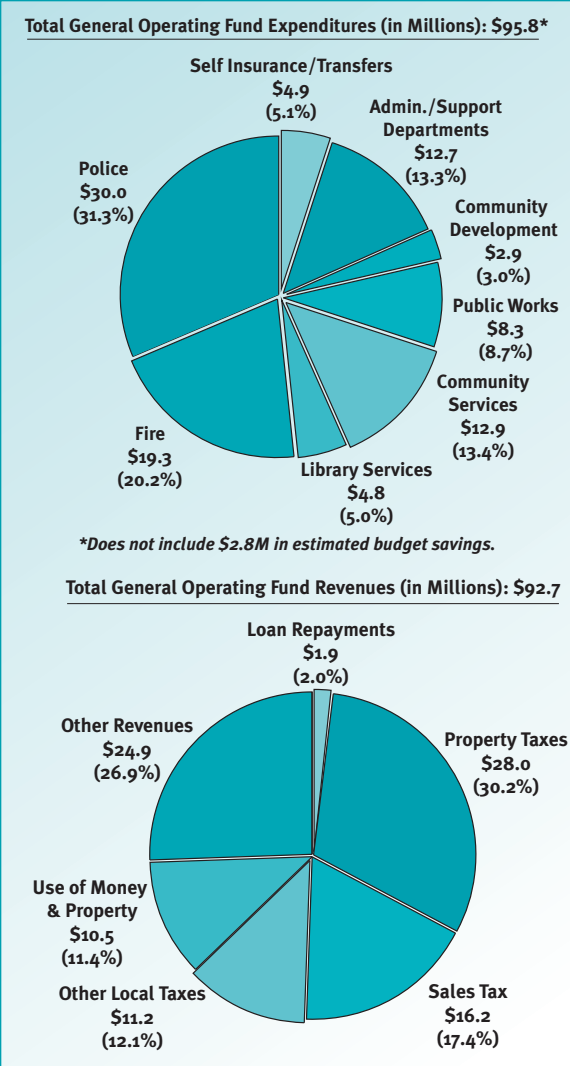
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action. This projection was updated with the Proposed Budget on June 5, 2012 to \$756,000 primarily based on final health benefits rates that were received in late April.

The deficit was eliminated using a combination of operational efficiencies, expenditure reductions, supplemental revenues and structural changes reached in new labor agreements that will result in long-term cost containment. The structural changes in employee compensation will help ensure the long-term financial stability of the City.

For more information about the City's budget process:

- Visit 'Budget Updates' on the main page of the City's website at www.mountainview.gov.
- Subscribe to budget E-mail notifications on-line on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov, or sign-up with your E-mail to the new on-line service *Ask Mountain View* and request budget updates.
- Contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 with comments or questions.



TREE PRUNING ADVISORY

The City's Heritage Tree Ordinance was adopted to assist with the preservation of all healthy heritage trees and is intended to protect these trees from improper care. Poor pruning or topping of a heritage tree is a violation of the ordinance and can result in fines for the property owner.

Proper care of any tree can prolong its life and provide years of shade and aesthetic beauty. A tree may need pruning if there are dead, detached or diseased branches, if limbs are crowded or rubbing, or if the tree has experienced a limb failure.

For questions about whether a tree needs to be pruned, contact a certified arborist by calling the Western Chapter of International Society of Arboriculture at (916) 641-2990. To learn what defines a heritage tree, visit: www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/forestry/about_heritage_trees. If you have questions about the Ordinance or the street tree at your residence, call the Community Services Department's Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273.

BUSINESS LICENSE TIPS

To conduct or locate a business in Mountain View, you need to obtain a business license from the City. The process requires an application form and fee, typically ranging from \$30 to \$100. A new license is also required if there is a change of ownership, business name or location. Business licenses expire at the end of each calendar year and must be renewed on an annual basis. It may take up to two weeks until the Business License certificate is mailed to the applicant.



Before applying for a license, confirm that your type of business is permitted or allowed at the desired location by contacting the Community Development Department. The application form and additional information can be obtained from the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6317 at City Hall located at 500 Castro Street. For online information, visit www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/admin_services/business_licenses.asp or for help starting a new business in Mountain View, check out: www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/community_development/economic_dev/starting_a_business.asp.



CITY INFORMATION VIA YOUR MOBILE PHONE

You can now enjoy simplified access to all City of Mountain View information by using your favorite mobile device to look up community events, announcements or City Council information. It is easy to access the new mobile interface by simply visiting Mountain View mobile at www.mountainview.gov.

- VISIT THE TOP FIVE WEBPAGES SEARCHED FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW:
- Mountain View Library
 - Mountain View Homepage
 - Human Resources
 - City Events
 - Shoreline Golf links

GET THE CITY OF MV IPHONE APP

Use the new, free Mountain View iPhone App to send a message to the City. Requests and feedback received are routed directly into the *Ask Mountain View* system, allowing users to check the updated status of their requests anytime, anywhere.

- The most popular requests include information about:
- Parks, trees, trails
 - Code Enforcement
 - Library Services
 - Streets and traffic matters



Download the app on-line at the iPhone App Store or on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6210 or (650) 903-6301, or E-mail kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov.



SHOP MOUNTAIN VIEW

Did you know that every time you shop at stores or dine in Mountain View, the City receives one cent of every taxable dollar spent. Sales and hotel tax revenues account for approximately 21% of the revenue used by the City's General Operating Fund.

The General Operating Fund (see budget story on page 1) supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and park services, and library services.

Every time you shop locally or dine in Mountain View, you help support and maintain the quality of services that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live.

ANIMAL SERVICE PROVIDER TO CHANGE IN NOVEMBER 2012

This November, Mountain View will partner with the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) to provide animal services in order to save money and better utilize local police resources. Mountain View police officers will continue to respond to all animal-related noise complaints and collect and care for stray dogs until SVACA can pick them up.

All other services will be handled by SVACA starting in November, including the care of sick, injured, lost and abandoned companion animals, animal cruelty investigations, enforcement of animal laws, education outreach programs, and volunteer and foster programs.

For more information, visit www.svaca.com or contact the Police Department at (650) 903-6344.



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City Mission Statement
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

NEW SEGMENT OF STEVENS CREEK TRAIL OPENS

This Summer the City completed the Sleeper Avenue to Dale/Heatherstone segment of the Stevens Creek Trail. The trail extension provides a long ramp and a pedestrian/bicycle bridge that connects the Sleeper Avenue neighborhood to the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way. Landscaping along the new trail segment includes the planting of more than 100 trees and 1,600 shrubs native to the Stevens Creek watershed area. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/public_works or contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN APPROVED

The City Council has approved a new Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, which will serve as Mountain View's road map for continued investment in environmental sustainability initiatives through June 2014. The new plan continues to implement a wide range of sustainability activities originally initiated in 2009, while also focusing on new sustainability initiatives related to energy efficiency, green building, greenhouse gas reductions, land use, renewable energy, toxics, transportation, waste, water and wildlife.

For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/sustainability or contact Steve Attinger, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at (650) 903-6311.



PERMANENTE CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION OPENS

In June, the City celebrated the dedication of the Permanente Creek Trail bridge over Highway 101 and a new tunnel under Old Middlefield Way. This newly completed extension of the trail connects the commercial and recreational areas north of Highway 101 to the residential neighborhoods south of Highway 101. A project to extend the trail to Rock Street is in the design phase with scheduled completion in 2013.

The City is also studying the possibility of extending the trail from Rock Street to Middlefield Road, and improving the crossings at Charleston Road and Amphitheatre Parkway. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/public_works or contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



SAVE WITH A FREE HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT

Join over 600 of your neighbors already saving money on their energy bills by signing up for Energy Upgrade Mountain View (EUMV) and receive an energy saving device at no cost while supplies last. EUMV is a free, City-sponsored program that helps homeowners and renters identify easy, no- and low-cost ways of saving energy. Participants receive a customized Home Energy Profile and home assessment, both at no cost.



For more information, to sign up, or to attend an information session, visit www.EnergyUpgradeMV.org. Do not delay—the program is available only through the end of the year!

RENGSTORFF PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

As part of the development of a Master Plan for Rengstorff Park, the City Council recommended improvements to the Community Center and Aquatics Center this past April. The Council also indicated support for keeping the Community Center and Aquatics Center in their current locations. Staff is conducting a program study and will present alternatives for the Council to consider in late Fall 2012.

The Rengstorff Park Master Plan will provide a long-term vision and general development guide for the park and its facilities for the next 20-30 years.

For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/public_works or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

NEW CIVIC CENTER ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS

The City recently upgraded three electric vehicle chargers in the Civic Center garage. The new chargers are compatible with most newer model electric vehicles. The chargers were replaced at no cost to the City through the California Energy Commission's Reconnect California Grant Program.



COMMUNITY SHUTTLE SURVEY

The City wants to hear from residents regarding the need for a community shuttle service for the City. To participate in an on-line survey, visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov and look for the link to the survey on the home page, or contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 to receive a copy of the survey in the mail.

PLANS FOR OUR FUTURE!

The City of Mountain View takes proactive steps to maintain the quality of life for our community with prudent fiscal management and long-term planning. As part of these efforts, Mountain View develops and adopts a number of required, or other forward-thinking plans. These strategic plans range from the City's required General Plan to the innovative Environmental Sustainability Plan. These plans provide for sound implementation of programs and services that meet the needs of the community.

Check out www.mountainview.gov/services/city_plans.asp to learn more about planning the vibrant future of Mountain View!

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

There continues to be development interest in Mountain View and work has begun with private developers on the following projects:

405 – 423 San Antonio Road – Merlone Geier is currently amending plans for the development of Phase II of the San Antonio Center project based on comments made in June by the City Council recommending a reduction in the scale of the proposal. The developer is expected to return to a Council Study Session this Fall.



2650 and 2656 El Camino Real West – In June, the City Council approved a four-story, 193-unit apartment project at the former San Antonio Inn site. The project will relocate and preserve two Heritage oak trees. Construction is expected to begin in November 2012.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

You can register
for Recreation classes
on line by visiting [http://
online.activenetwork.com/
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

IMPORTANT NEWS — NEW SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE NOW IN EFFECT

The City's newly enacted smoke-free ordinance is designed to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and took effect in May. The laws prohibit smoking in outdoor dining areas and picnic areas in City parks, and also prohibit smoking within 25 feet of any enclosed or unenclosed smoke-free area.



No Smoking

in outdoor dining areas, picnic areas in
city parks, or within 25-feet of enclosed
or unenclosed smoke-free areas.

City of Mountain View City Code Sections
§§ 21.49, 21.49.5

For free help quitting smoking, call: 1-800-NO-BUTTS
Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Police volunteers have been providing citizens and local businesses with educational materials and window smoke-free decals. Posting of smoke-free signage is required. Free signage is also available at the Mountain View Police Department and at the City of Mountain View Finance Department at City Hall (second floor). Failure to comply with the new laws could lead to an administrative or criminal citation for the business and or persons violating the law.

For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov/news/displaynews, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or the Police Department at (650) 903-6344.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

After an internal promotional recruitment that included outside evaluators, City Manager Dan Rich announced the appointment of J.P. de la Montaigne in late July as the new Community Services Director for the City. He replaces the City's long-serving prior Director, David Muela who retired in December of 2011.

J.P. de la Montaigne brings over 30 years of experience in all facets of Community Services, including the Community Services Director of Peoria, Arizona, which included recreation programs and facilities, parks, libraries, Peoria Sports Complex, Spring training home of the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres, and special events. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

CERT PROGRAM REACHES MILESTONE

The City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program graduated its 1,000th member this Summer, marking the continuing success of the Fire Department's efforts to ready citizens for unexpected emergency events. The program is designed to prepare Mountain View residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available and is free to all citizens of Mountain View.

For more information about the program, visit www.mountainview.gov/fire/cert or contact Lynn Brown at (650) 903-6825.



BIKE SHARE COMING TO MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mountain View has been selected as one of five Bay Area cities to participate in a regional bike share pilot program scheduled to launch later this Fall. Bike Share is a membership-based rental system of short-term bike sharing. The system enables members to check out a bike from a network of automated bicycle stations, ride to their destination and return the bike to a different station. Bike Share provides a convenient and affordable transportation alternative or supplement to cars and mass transit.

Approximately 100 rental bikes will be deployed throughout the City at seven to ten bike share stations. The stations will be located at or near transit, employment and service/retail destinations, including the Mountain View Transit Center, City Hall, San Antonio Shopping Center, the La Avenida Avenue trailhead at Stevens Creek Trail, the City's North Bayshore Area, Middlefield Road/Rengstorff Avenue, Evelyn Light Rail Park-N-Ride and Middlefield Light Rail Station.

The pilot program is funded through a combination of local, regional and federal grants, including \$4.3 million from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Innovative Bay Area Climate Initiatives Grant Program. The pilot program is expected to run for a period of one to two years with the goal of transitioning into a full-scale, self-sustaining, permanent program for Bay Area communities.

For more information, visit the VTA bike share website at: www.vta.org/bike_information/bike_sharing.html.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

As part of a countywide effort, Mountain View adopted a suicide prevention policy designed to help limit the loss of life by suicide. The new effort will educate City staff about suicide prevention methods and available mental health resources.

Santa Clara County's 24 - Hour Suicide Prevention and Crisis phone number is (855) 278-4204. For more information on the County's suicide prevention, contact Kim Castro at (650) 903-6397 or E-mail kim.castro@mountainview.gov.

TEEN CENTER RENOVATION

The City Council recently approved funding to renovate the land and building known as the Rock Church property located on 263 Escuela Avenue into a new teen center. The funding will remodel the old church into a much larger teen center. The renovation will make improvements to both the interior and exterior of the former church. During the Summer, Recreation staff worked with local youth to develop suggestions for a new name for the remodeled teen center. It is expected that the new teen center will open to middle and high school students in the Fall of 2013.

For more information about current teen programming, visit the City of Mountain View website at www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation and find the Teen Services page, or call (650) 903-6331.



SKATE PARK RENOVATIONS

Renovations to the City's skate park, located in Rengstorff Park, were complete this past June. The improvements include a new slurry sealed surface to provide a uniform and smooth riding area, three new ramps, as well as a new rail, skate bench and grind box. The upgrades resulted from recommendations made to the City Council by local skateboarders and the Youth Advisory Committee.



Check out the Recreation Guide inside this issue of *The View* to register for Fall classes and activities.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL EVENTS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT THE HISTORIC RENGSTORFF HOUSE

The Rengstorff House, the City's oldest home, located in Shoreline at Mountain View Park, continues its tradition of outreach to the community with a variety of activities designed to inspire and engage. Learn about the historic Rengstorff House at www.r-house.org, or 'Like us' on www.facebook.com/RengstorffHouse.

ARTS FESTIVAL

Visit a free art exhibit featuring fine art by local community members and juried student artwork from the Art4Schools program of the Community School of Music and Arts. Artwork is on display Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. through September 30.

HAUNTING TOURS

Join the Friends of 'R' House for a living history event where history and hauntings meet. Check for advance sales of tickets for the tours scheduled on Friday and Saturday, November 2-3. For additional information, visit www.r-house.org.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Friends of 'R' House present holiday decorations at the Rengstorff House in



December and host a Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 6th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Join us for Christmas caroling, sweet treats, parlor games and Christmas readings presented in true Charles Dickens-style. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call (650) 903-6392.

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR SHORELINE PARK EXHIBIT

The Shoreline Division announces a call for entries for "ZOOM" in on Shoreline at Mountain View, a photography exhibit celebrating the unique past of this 750-acre wildlife and recreation area. Entries will be accepted through October 1 and the exhibit will run January 13 through March 6, 2013. For more information and complete entry guidelines, contact kristina.perino@mountainview.gov.



See news for the MVCPA on page 8

CREATING POSITIVE VALUES IN YOUTH

This past Spring, a task force made up of youth agencies and concerned community members launched a communitywide campaign to educate the public on the importance of building productive values in young people and to develop a common goal for the local agencies serving young people. The City of Mountain View, the YMCA, CHAC and other youth serving agencies use these positive values, or developmental assets, as a basis for creating programs for youth.

Research has identified assets that correlate with youth resilience and behavior. Young people with low asset levels



are more likely to engage in negative risk behaviors and fail to achieve at school. Youth with high asset levels are more likely to choose healthy activities, succeed in school and avoid risk behaviors. According to a 2010 survey of Mountain View youth, on average local youth have 18.9 of the 40 Developmental Assets. Nearly 200 residents have signed the Pledge to Support Youth in Mountain View.

Learn more about how you can support our community's young people and encourage positive values by visiting www.projectcornerstone.org.

LIBRARY FALL ACTIVITIES

MOUNTAIN VIEW READS TOGETHER

The seventh annual Mountain View Reads Together begins this October when members of the community read the same book and come together for a series of book-related events. Mountain View residents are encouraged to read or listen to the chosen book and participate in related events.

This year's book choice is *The Talent Code* by Daniel Coyle. For a list of free activities during October and more information, visit mvreads.org or www.mountainview.gov/library.

READING DAY NOVEMBER 2012

The Library's 20th Annual Reading Day Festival is Saturday, November 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street. Activities include puppet and interactive storytelling programs. Also, community leaders will read aloud to children in English, Spanish and Mandarin, while Graham Middle School students will read scary stories under the Library stairs and help with related craft activities. Firefighters will share stories next to their fire engine and the Police will read in the Library.

All events are free. For more information, call the Library at (650) 903-6887 or visit www.mountainview.gov/library.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Mountain View Library will hold its quarterly book sale outside the back of the Library at 585 Franklin Street on Saturday, November 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Friends is a non-profit organization raising money to support the Library through book sales and the Lobby Shop. Online sales are used to support summer reading programs, children and teen programs, and the Mobile Library. The Lobby Shop, located in the lobby of the Library, sells puppets, used books and other gift items. The shop is open Monday through Thursday and Saturday.



FREE EBOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

The Mountain View Library currently has more than three thousand free eBook titles available for almost any eReader or tablet, from the Kindle Touch to the Kindle Fire, Nook or iPad. You can also read eBooks on your computer with a couple of simple and free programs.

Visit <http://libraryxo.org/ebook> to see the Library's complete eBook selection. Ask a librarian for help or stop by and pick up your recipe for eBook success at the second floor information desk.

Visit the Library on-line at:
www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/default.asp

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM – CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. The Volunteer Services Program is committed to matching people with volunteer opportunities that enhance City services. For more information, call Bill Mykytka, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit the City website at www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

Volunteer Toni Sousa works at the front desk as the public face of Mountain View's Senior Center, answering phones and greeting visitors. A real people person, Toni enjoys the energy and fun of her job. "The seniors are great. The facility is great," she says. "The staff is really wonderful and extremely patient!"

Toni is amazed by the number of services provided by the Senior Center, including free tax service, computer training, and an exercise room. "And table tennis is a really big hit around here," she says.

*~ Antoinette "Toni" Sousa
Front Desk, Senior Center*

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Center for Performing Arts — Ushers — *Please note: The usher training scheduled for September 17th and 24th has been cancelled. The next training will be March 4 and March 11 at 7 p.m. You must attend both sessions. Pre-registration is required at liz@mvcpa.com.*

Center for the Performing Arts — Lobby Hosts — Hosts are needed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to open the lobby from noon to 1 p.m. so the public can view the art. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or liz@mvcpa.com.



Deer Hollow Farm — School Year Teaching Docents — Volunteers are needed to teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm, garden and Native American studies. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Training and curriculum are provided. For more information, call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail deerhollow-farm@mountainview.gov.

Shoreline at Mountain View — Shoreline Parks seeks friendly volunteer docents 18 years and older for the following jobs:

- **Patrol Rangers** assist Shoreline at Mountain View



and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information regarding routes, park facilities, safety and by keeping trails free of litter.

- **Gatehouse Attendants** greet visitors, monitor activities and educate the public about Shoreline at Mountain View, a 750-acre wildlife and recreation resource area.
- **Environmental Docents** educate members of the public on the area's unique history, diverse species and baylands ecosystem by providing one-hour docent-led walks.



- **Garden Volunteers** help maintain the Rengstorff House flowerbeds, provide arranged flowers for the interior of the house and answer visitors' inquiries. Weekday availability preferred.

- **Rengstorff House and School/Group Docents** conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House and lead educational programs exploring Mountain View's early history. Rengstorff House docents may also provide special tours and activities for school/scout groups, senior centers and other special events.

- **Exhibitions Assistants** provide hands-on support for the installation and removal/storage of artwork and exhibition items at Rengstorff House. They may also collaborate with staff on exhibitions strategy, research and preparation.

For additional information, contact kristina.perino@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6073.

Recreation — Tennis Court Advocates — Volunteers are needed to assist with tennis court patrols, tracking hours, reporting violations, monitoring court etiquette

VOLUNTEER SERVICES –
KEEPING CITIZENS CONNECTED,
KEEPS COMMUNITIES
STRONG!

and educating the public on court rules and City policies. For more information, contact bill.mykytka@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6607.

Special Events — Each year the Recreation Division coordinates a number of special events, including the Annual Spring Parade, the Halloween Monster Bash, and the Holiday Tree Lighting event. If you would like to be a part of the Special Events Volunteer Team, contact bill.mykytka@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6607.



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY IN AN EMERGENCY

Join a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by signing up for free training through the City's Office of Emergency Services. CERT (also see related story, page 4) team training prepares local residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services may not be available.

CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue, as well as team organization and management. Trained emergency personnel, including firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, teach all classes.

The CERT program is free to all residents of Mountain View and those who work at a Mountain View business. The training is provided in English, as well as other languages, including Spanish. For more information and to register, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825, or use the 'Register Online' link at www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/fire/programs_n_services/disaster_preparedness.asp.

The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov

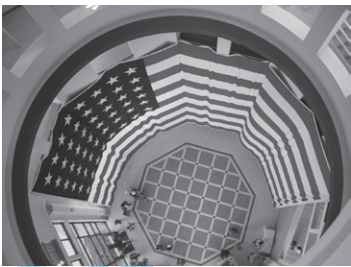
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Offices will be closed for holiday observances:

- September 3
- November 12
- November 22 and 23
- December 24 and 25 (with City Hall closed December 24 – January 2, 2013)

CALENDAR OF REGULAR COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION MEETINGS*:

Meetings are sometimes added or adjusted—all dates and locations are subject to change. Check out the website, KMYT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates, times, and locations. For the latest information visit the Calendar on the top right of the City's homepage at www.mountainview.gov.



City Council – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Library Board – Meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Environmental Planning Commission – Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, and 500 Castro Street.

Human Relations Commission – Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Meets bi-monthly, the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Downtown Committee – Meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee – Meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Visual Arts Committee – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Youth Advisory Committee – Meets the first Monday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

Senior Advisory Committee – Meets the third Wednesday of the month, 2:00 p.m. Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

**All dates and locations are subject to change.*

Home Composting Workshops

Second Saturdays, February – November, Murphy Park Building, 250 N. Sunnyvale Ave., 10 a.m. to noon

Learn to make compost from yard trimmings and food scraps using backyard and worm composting methods. Registration required.

- September 8
- October 13
- November 10

To register, call (408) 730-7262 or visit: www.recycling.insunnyvale.com

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

• **Mountain View Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, September 22, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Fire Station No. 4, 229 North Whisman Road. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds are donated to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. For more information, call the Fire Department at (650) 903-6102 or visit www.mountainview.gov/fire.

• **Halloween Monster Bash** – Saturday, October 27, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. The event will include Halloween crafts and activities from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and an outdoor movie beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this free family event and costumes are encouraged.

• **Senior Center Annual Holiday Bazaar** – Saturday, November 17, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue. For more information, call the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330.

• **Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Monday, December 3, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street. The event includes holiday music, refreshments, lights and pictures with Santa Claus. Bring a donation of canned food to help build the Giving Tree, which benefits the Mountain View Community Services Agency. For more information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

• **Cops That Care Toy Distribution Event** – Saturday, December 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 1000 Villa Street. The Police Department will be collecting donations of cash, gift cards, and toys starting December 1.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Events

Call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org for location and an appointment.

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| • Saturday, September 8 in San Jose | • Saturday, October 13 in San Jose |
| • Saturday, September 15 in Sunnyvale | • Saturday, October 20 in Sunnyvale |
| • Saturday, September 29 in Santa Clara | • Saturday, November 17 in Sunnyvale |

GREEN EVENTS

REPAIR HOUSEHOLD LEAKS

Nationwide, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak from U.S. homes each year. To reduce the water waste in your home and prevent high water bills, check for and repair running toilets, dripping faucets, and broken or malfunctioning irrigation equipment. To identify even more ways to save water around your home, schedule a Water Wise House Call by calling (800) 548-1882.

RETIRE YOUR OLD TOILET

Toilets 20 years or older use at least 3.5 gallons of water per flush, while new high-efficiency toilets use 1.28 gallons per flush. You can save water and money by replacing old toilets and getting a \$125 rebate. For rebate pre-approval and an application form, call (877) 874-8479.

REBATES FOR REPLACING LAWNS

Receive up to 75 cents for each square foot of lawn you replace with low-water-use plants. Pre-approval is required for program participation. For more information call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at (408) 265-2607 ext. 2554.

FREE WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

In partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, the City of Mountain View is hosting landscape education classes this Fall to help customers use water more efficiently.

• Creating Healthy Soil for a Happy Garden

Thursday, September 13th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Learn How to Restore Soil Health naturally in your garden. Discover the role of soil organisms and organic matter in maintaining plant health and improving your garden's water-efficiency.

• Drip Irrigation Design, Installation, and Maintenance

Saturday, September 29th, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to Design and Install a Water-efficient Drip System. Class topics include landscape water needs, irrigation components, installation considerations, system maintenance and conversion of spray to drip.

• Plant Selection & Care for Varying Garden Conditions

Thursday, October 4th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Choose the Right Plants for the varying conditions in different areas of your landscape. This class will focus on selection, placement and care of California native and low-water-use plants.

For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000 or visit www.bawsca.org. Space is limited and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

CITY BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Applications will be accepted until September 14, 2012, for Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on one of the following:

- **LIBRARY BOARD** (1 position)
(Meets on the third Monday evening of the month)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION** (1 position)*
(Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month)
- **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** (3 positions)
(Meets on the first Thursday evening of the month)
- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** (1 position)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)
- **BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (3 positions)
(Meets on the last Wednesday evening every other month)
- **DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE**
—Downtown Property and Business Owner Category (2 positions)
—Community-at-Large Category (1 position)
(Meets as needed on a Tuesday morning)
- **PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE** (2 positions)
(Meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month)
- **VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE** (4 positions)
(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed. The board, commissions and committees are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903 6304 for further information and an application. An application can be downloaded at www.mountainview.gov

***FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS ONLY:**

Supplemental Questionnaire (Pre-interview Application) - Candidates are required to submit, along with their City application form, a typewritten response, limited to 350 words, to the following questions:

1. What qualifies you for this position?
2. What do you think are the major issues for land use planning in the City of Mountain View?
3. Give some Mountain View examples of successes and failures in planning.

